

VERIZON NORTH INC., )  
VERIZON SOUTH INC., AND )  
EGIX NETWORK SERVICES, INC. )

Verizon North Inc., Verizon South Inc. (collectively “Verizon”), and Egix Network Services, Inc. (“Egix”), Joint Petitioners, pursuant to paragraph 32 of the Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Conditions released by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) on June 16, 2000 in CC Docket No. 98-184, submit this Joint Petition to the Illinois Commerce Commission for its review regarding the adoption of an interconnection agreement between Verizon and Egix, on the following grounds:

1. Joint Petitioners Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc. are telecommunication carriers within the meaning of Section 13-202 of the Universal Telephone Protection Act of 1985, 220 ILCS 5/13-100, et seq. and each is authorized to provide and is currently providing, intraMSA exchange and interexchange telecommunications services to customers within certain certificated areas of the State of Illinois.

2. Egix represents that it is a certified provider of telecommunication service in Illinois and that this adoption will cover services only in the State of Illinois.

3. Pursuant to paragraph 32 of the Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Conditions, Egix notified Verizon that it desired to adopt the terms of the interconnection agreement between Verizon and AT&T Communications of Illinois (“Underlying Agreement”) approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission as an effective agreement in the State of Illinois in docket number 99 AA-001. Subsequently, Verizon and Egix signed a letter relating to Egix’s adoption of the terms of the Underlying Agreement. A copy of this letter is attached as Exhibit 1.

5. Subject to the reservation of rights detailed in Exhibit 1, there are no outstanding issues between Verizon and Egix relating to this adoption. Verizon is submitting this petition pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 (i) to notify this Commission of the adoption described herein. Verizon does not agree with any characterization of adoptions as negotiated agreements. However, 47 U.S.C. § 252 (i) gives Egix the right to adopt certain agreements such as the Underlying Agreement. Thus, Verizon shall abide by the adopted terms in accordance with its statutory obligations.

6. As stated in the Statement in Support of an Adoption of Interconnection Agreement, attached as Exhibit 2, Verizon will continue to abide by its obligations to make agreements that are available for adoption pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(i) and the FCC Bell Atlantic/GTE merger conditions on the same such terms and conditions to any eligible carrier. Therefore, this filing is not discriminatory.

THEREFORE, Verizon and Egix Network Services, Inc. respectfully submit this  
Adoption of an Interconnection Agreement on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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